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NEWS AND GOSSIP

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CITY.

Some Interesting Personal Gossip.—The Star Route and Treasury Custodian Investigation—Some Prospects—Official Changes—Other News.

AN ADMINISTRATION ORGAN.
WASHINGTON, June 5.—The Daily Critic, an evening paper in this city, was purchased by a number of gentlemen here who, it is said, intend to publish it as an administration organ.

SEARCHING FOR SWINDLERS.
The attention shown by the Government, and especially the Department of Justice, in managing the investigation of the Star route cases, is just now the subject of much comment among professional men here. The appointment of Gibson as Special Agent of the Department of Justice was commented on with much warmth by friends of the President, and it is hardly consistent with justice to General Garfield, when one remembers Mr. Gibson's attitude toward the latter for several years past. But it is now shown that Gibson had been dealing with these matters before the Government took cognizance of the case, and was already well rooted in the evidence before he entered the Department. Mr. MacVane saw the value of his services to the Government and he was retained. He is now said to be one of the most, if not the most valuable man connected with the investigation. As to his appointment being an effort to General Garfield, it has been learned to-day that the President was consulted before it was made, and his broad nature at once sought any person who might have been a hindrance to the business of the affair, and he cordially endorsed the appointment. Another shrewd stroke of policy on the part of the Department of Justice was the retention of Colonel W. A. Cook. Colonel Kirkell, the prosecuting attorney of the district, is supposed to be relieved of the responsibility of the case.

THE STAR ROUTE CASES.
As had been common in the past. Special counsel has always been employed in the great cases where the Government was plaintiff, as in the trial of Lincoln's assassin, the safe burglary case, and in numerous cases where prominent men have been charged with fraud against the Government. The business of the district occupies the time of the Attorney, and it was with good reason that Colonel Kirkell was asked to be relieved.

Upon granting his request, the Department of Justice turned to Colonel Cook, on account of his reputation as the most successful lawyer in the district, and on account of his knowledge of the law and ability to handle a case on technical points. As many technicalities are likely to be met with in these cases, the Government made a very sharp business strike in securing his services in advance of several persons, who were anxious to retain him.

Colonel Cook was engaged for some time in the Fayman-Shorland case, and thus comes to his work with some knowledge of star route matters. The general work of the investigation goes on as usual. The Postmaster General believes no one else in the Department can be found guilty of any complicity in the frauds, and there will be no removal until he is thoroughly certain of an impostor.

GENERAL S. L. WOODFORD was at the Post-Office Department nearly all day arranging some papers in a suit between the United States and the Yale Lock Company. He has nothing to say to the Star route cases, but looks with interest on the work of the Department. His commission is awaiting him in New York.

REMOVED OFFICIAL CHANGES.
The investigations going on at the Treasury Department are conducted with more secrecy than at first, so that it is not definitely known what officers or employees will suffer by it. Several of them are becoming nervous from fear of decapitation, if nothing worse. It is reported that an intimate friend of Secretary Windom said to-day that he knew officially that a number of changes among prominent officers of the Treasury Department had been decided upon. These changes, he said, included both the Assistant Secretary, the Appointment Clerk, and the removal of Pitney and Coburn, Captains of the Treasury watch. The Treasury Inspectors would, he said, have to do with all the predicted changes except that of Assistant Secretary French. His removal, he said, would be on account of the opposition to him by the New York business men and others who have business in relation to customs duties with the department.

PERSONAL NOTES.
Work is about to be begun on a dwelling house for Secretary Blaine. Ground was broken a day or two ago on Massachusetts avenue and F street, and from the plans drawn by the architect it appears that the house is to be a large and handsome as that of Senator Bayard at New York, who is expected to move there.

General Sherman's wife has returned from St. Louis. She and her youngest son and Miss Lizzie Sherman will spend the summer in Boston with Mrs. Thatcher.

General Sherman will remain here most of the time. Mrs. Senator Sherman has gone to Mansfield.

WORLD'S FAIR.
Business men of the Hub Activity Incorporated.

Boston June 4.—A meeting of the Produce Exchange was held to-day to consider the prospects of a world's fair in this city. Speeches were made by a large number of members favoring it, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sentiment of merchants engaged in the various branches of trade here represented is heartily in favor of holding a world's fair in Boston, in 1885, and we are ready to extend power to carry it forward to success.

A committee of six was appointed to act with others already appointed.

The Brewers' Strike.
New York, June 5.—In consequence of the expected strike of the larger beer brewers on Monday the police reserves of this city and Brooklyn are ordered on duty. Several of the brewers agree to the terms of the strike. The laboring societies are pledging themselves to only drink the beer of the brewers who recognize the Union demand.

Windows in the West.
St. Paul, June 4.—Secretary Windom arrived to-day. He comes to Minnesota for rest and private business, and will remain two or three weeks.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOVEMENTS.

Garfield and his party at Fort Monroe—How they spent Sunday.

NORFOLK, June 4.—The U. S. steamer Dispatch, with President Garfield, Secretary of the Navy Hunt and Admiral Porter on board, arrived at the Navy yard this afternoon and were received with the salute of twenty-one guns. Owing to the inclemency of the weather they did not go ashore, as was intended, but were visited by officers of the Yard, Congressman Dandridge and many citizens. They leave for Washington this afternoon.

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THE DAY OF REST

FINDS CONKING AND PLATT OUT

Of the Covered Places—Remit of the Voting Saturday—Platt and Conkling both Confident—Some Interesting Prospects.

ALBANY, June 4.—The joint convention assembled at 12 m. The following is the result of the first vote for the successor of Roscoe Conkling:

Following Senators were paired:
Astor with Fowler, Williams with Murtha, Pitts with Seaboard, Schroeder with Stans.

Following Assemblymen were paired:
Andrews with Cowles, Brehrer with Brooks, S. R. Wells with Boardman.

Following were changes: Madden, from Woodin to Cornell; Fenner, from Fenton to Cornell; Holt, from Lapham to Rogers; Palmer, from Cornell to Crowley; Scott, from Cornell to Lapham. No choice.

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SAD SIGHTS

IN "THE LITTLE ISLE SO GREEN."

Regiments of Regulars Assisting in Making Evictions—Threatening State of Affairs—An Utterance from "the Thunder."

LIMERICK, June 4.—It is a sad sight to watch the evictions carried on with the assistance of our Majesty's troops. After Kennedy and his family and household goods were turned out of their home near this city, the door barred up, and the police departed, a correspondent returned to the house where the eviction had taken place. The mother and her six little children were sitting amid or walking about the ruins of their once happy home. There was nothing between them and the blue sky. Night was coming on, they had nowhere to go, and thus they were left without a ray of hope to cheer them. The Coldstream Guards and police proceeded to the next tenement to be evicted, and as these magnificent looking soldiers, the flower of our Majesty's troops, filed down by the little cabin, one could not resist calling to mind the words in England's greatest war, and comparing them with their present service. They certainly do not look as if they fancied their work. A band with a green flag met the soldiers here, but there was not the slightest sign of hostility except that not a drop of water nor a morsel to eat would the inhabitants give the thirty and hungry troops and the police as they passed through the country. The newspaper correspondents were, however, received with welcome and were offered most generous hospitality. Milk, eggs, fresh bread and butter were furnished in abundance and all recompense for them firmly refused.

On Saturday evening a disorderly scene occurred at the railway station, where the police were engaged in making evictions. A large crowd of people with the butts of their rifles and afterwards charging them with fixed bayonets.

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THE STAR ROUTES.

THE GOOD EFFECT OF THE EXPOSURE.

The Revelation to the Public of the Dishonesty of Those Who Were Stealing Stiffening the Back Bone of Those who were not.

New York, June 4.—The Times to-day publishes from Washington, another installment of exposures of the Star route methods. A correspondent writes: "A glance at what has been done in the Post-office Department during the last three months shows, to those who are acquainted with the circumstances, that extraordinary progress in the right direction has been made by the new Postmaster General, Mr. James took charge of the great department in which fraud had prevailed for years; he found himself surrounded by many men, some of whom had been dishonest from choice, while the others had been slowly poisoned by daily contact with dishonesty. He has proceeded slowly but surely. Three months are gone and the annual expenses of the 'Star Route' Bureau have been reduced nearly \$800,000. True business methods have been applied in the other divisions of the office. Contracts for supplies have been marked by extravagance or worse. Intelligent and conscientious scrutiny is always being made of the accounts, and in that direction. Investigations have been begun which will bring the guilty to an account, and all their efforts cannot stop it. Dishonest officers are being weeded out as fast as the evidence against them is secured."

Mr. James has as kind a heart as ever beat in a human breast, and there is much in the task which he has undertaken that deeply pains him, but his desire is to establish honest methods for the use of the people of the country, and his hatred of dishonesty never allows him to do a firm hand the work which lies before him. The reforms which he will establish will not only save the people's money, but they will raise the moral tone of the entire country. The great executive department. Men who are beginning to be poisoned by the example of their superiors will be given new strength to choose honest ways, and the entire service must eventually feel the influence of honesty, and the justice and intelligence of its chief.

ENDORSING THE PRESIDENT.
A Unanimous Sentiment in His Favor Over in His Own State.

CONROCK, June 4.—The Republican County Convention to-day selected the following delegates to the Republican State Convention: T. J. Cook, P. M. Metheny, J. G. Miller, W. S. Miller, H. C. Herbig and Robert C. Herbig. The President of the Convention was J. G. Miller, and the Secretary was P. M. Metheny. The convention adjourned at 10 o'clock.

DAYTON, O., June 4.—At the Republican County Convention held here yesterday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Governor Charles Foster having proved himself an honest, faithful and capable Executive, deserves and should receive the renomination for the office of Governor. His administration has been one of the best in the history of the State.

Resolved, That we cordially approve the Administration of President Garfield, recognizing his sincere efforts to correct public abuses and conduct the Government economically. We especially approve his policy in protecting the Executive prerogative against the annoyance of the late Senators of New York, whose course we consider factions and directly tending to the arrogation of power by the U. S. Senate, which under the Constitution belongs exclusively to the President.

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